## **REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-8 have been cancelled and claims 13-16 have been amended. Claims 10-18 are pending and under consideration.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 10-12, 17 and 18 are allowable. These claims have been maintained. The only other claims remaining in this application are claims 13-16. These claims have been amended to depend on allowable claim 17.

At least in view of the Examiner's indication of allowability, it is submitted that the application should be allowed. An early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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